



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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November 13, 2019

Art Acevedo  
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The Honorable Ken Paxton  
Texas Attorney General  
P. O. Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Attention: Open Records Division

Re: Public Information Act request modified and received October 22, 2019, from Jessica Romo requesting locations and number of cameras and automated license plate readers, budget documents, procurement records, contracts, agreements for data analysis and storage, policies and standard operating procedures, audits, staff numbers and salaries, organizational structure and contracts, agreements and MOUs with outside law enforcement in relation to the Real Time Crime Center; **OR #19-10432**

Dear General Paxton:

This is a follow up to Joe Zapata's letter dated November 4, 2019 (**Exhibit 1A**). The Houston Police Department ("HPD") received the above-referenced request on October 22, 2019 (**Exhibit 1**). By copy of this letter, HPD is informing the requestor that HPD believes responsive information (**Exhibit 2**) is excepted from public disclosure under sections 552.101 of the Government Code. The Department states that the exhibits are a representative sample.

### Section 552.101 of the Government Code

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code §552.101.

### Homeland Security Information

This section encompasses information protected by other statutes, including sections 418.176, 418.177, 418.181, and 418.182 of the Government Code. These sections were added to chapter 418 of the Government Code as part of the Texas Homeland Security Act (the "THSA").

**Exhibit 2** consists of a report of an assessment of the vulnerabilities of the City to terrorism and related



criminal activity. Specifically, the location of radioactive materials and the security measures in place to protect those materials. Therefore, the Department believes that it must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 in conjunction with section 418.177.

### **Section 552.152 of the Government Code**

Section 552.152 excepts from disclosure information in the custody of HPD relating to an employee or officer of HPD if under the circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure would subject the employee or officer to substantial threat of physical harm."

The information contained in **Exhibit 3** consists of the names of investigating officers who are also undercover officers. Release of this information that identifies undercover officers would not only compromise the effectiveness of these individuals as undercover officers, but would likely cause the officers to face imminent threat of physical danger. For these reasons, HPD believes that the information it has marked is confidential by law pursuant to section 552.152 of the Government Code.

HPD respectfully requests a ruling on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 713-308-3200 if you need additional information. Please include **ORU No. 19-10432** in any future correspondence concerning this request.

Sincerely,



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HPD Administration Manager

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Enclosures

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(w/o Exhibits)